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LATEST PARAMOUNT NEWS

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**Michigan Mirror**  
 INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By Gene Allman

In nearly every Michigan small town we have visited in the past year or so, one common trend has been evident. It is this: Country living is enjoying a revival. Industry is decentralizing. It is opening branches in small towns. It is even migrating from the big city. There is more building activity outside the city limits of many towns than there is inside. These signs are significant, if we are to try to fit them into a common jig-saw mosaic pattern.

Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Company, stated in the current issue of the Atlantic Monthly that the company is going to decentralize. Why? Because big business, unless broken down into well defined segments, becomes top-heavy and inefficient. Because "many of the social problems of our times are made worse—and in part have been created—by concentrating vast numbers of people in crowded city areas such as Detroit."

John Gunther, in his 979-page report, "Inside U.S.A.," refers to Detroit as the most explosive labor center in the Nation; to the U.A.W., the automobile workers' union, as the "most volcanic unit in the country."

Here is a union, centered in Detroit, whose membership has grown from 15,000 to 1,250,000 in only ten years. And here is also a union whose leadership demands, only a few years ago, the right to inspect the employer's books in order to find out how much of the profits could be paid to the workers in higher wages.

This confusion over profits is one of the by-products of industrial centralization where the boss and the worker never meet except belligerently around a strike table.

"There seems to be an impression around," said young Ford in some obscure vision or other, "that for Ford does not have to make a profit. That isn't so. Unless we can obtain a return that enables us to pay reasonable dividends, renew our plant, invest for the future, and meet competition on equal terms, Ford Motor Company will not have any future."

According to one survey, the average investment per job in America is \$6,000. Who put up the money. Someone who was willing to risk dollars in the hope of earning a profit.

What happens when technology is ignored, when machinery becomes obsolete and inefficient? The British coal mining industry today is a prime example. British miners produced 259 tons per year per man in 1946; 698,000 of them produced 182 million tons. Now look at the United States where competitive free enterprises still exist: 418,000 miners by the aid of modern machinery, produced 590 million tons, an average output per man of 1,419 tons, six times that of the British miner.

Little wonder, then, that the American miner earns more wages than his fellow in England!

Gunther reports also that everywhere in the United States the automobile and its counterpart, the modern concrete highway, is emptying cities of their population. The trend is toward towns where management is rooted in home ownership, food gardens, and friendly living, and where management and labor meet as neighbors.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey recently said: "The heart of this nation is in the rural small town."

If we were called upon to make a report on the State of the Nation today, we would merely say: America's heart is sound; small towns are prospering."

**Christmas joy to all**

**TALLYHO!**

Due to a shortage of reindeer this season we send you our Christmas Greetings in this conventional way!

In this season of gift-giving may we say that your friendship is our choicest gift, and we appreciate it beyond words to express. May your Christmas be a merry one, indeed!

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**Christmas 1947**  
 A Season Joyous

Christmas! No vaqueting phrases can truly carry the meaning of that word, no marching adjectives picture its fulfillment. Its being and expression must ever lie in the simple words of the prophets, in the unpretentious but meaningful phrases of the Man of Galilee:

**"ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN."**

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**BIRMINGHAM VETERANEWS**  
 Compiled from Various State and National Veterans Information Centers

There will be no reduction in subsistence payments for student veterans who are out of school during the holiday recess, Veterans Administration officials in Columbus, Ohio, have announced.

Student veterans will continue to receive the full subsistence allowance to which they are entitled. The time they are on holiday vacation will be deducted from their period of eligibility.

The number of World War II veterans enrolled in educational and job-training courses in Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky reached an all-time high of 346,126 on December 1, it is reported by the Veterans Administration Columbus Office.

The total included veterans studying and training under the G.I. Bill (Public Law 346) and the Vocational Rehabilitation Act for the disabled (Public Law 16). Michigan had 132,202 veterans in training, including 113,271 in educational institutions and 18,931 enrolled in job-training programs.

Veterans Administration receives hundreds of letters, applications and other documents daily without sufficient identification. The failure on the part of veterans, schools, training establishments and others to include the claim number, insurance number or other identification makes a

**Second Mozart?**

Ferruccio Busoni, Italian child prodigy, poised his baton to conduct a rehearsal for the "Concerto Colonne" in Paris. Only the lad had already conducted "Cavalleri Rusticani" at Milan's Scala Opera. Italians talk of him in the same breath with Mozart.

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**NOEL! NOEL!**  
 A JOYFUL Christmas

\* No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere... in France, in Holland, in Sweden... and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

**McCallum and Dean**

difficult for VA to give prompt attention to the claims involved. VA urges every person who contacts VA by letter, or in person to always use a claim or insurance number. If these numbers are not known, sufficient identification such as service serial number, date of birth, full name and address, service rank and organization, and date of discharge should be included.

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